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COUNTRY <b>East Germany</b>	REPORT	
TOPIC <b>Military Activities in Wittenberg</b>		25X1
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1. On 18 March 1955, large columns almost simultaneously left the Beseler Kaserne (3584) in Wittenberg. The columns included tanks, predominantly T-34s and several JS-3 tanks, armored personnel carriers, BA-64 armored scout cars, and trucks with personnel, pontoons and bridge-building equipment. Part of the columns including at least 90 tanks was loaded onto 3 trains at the Wittenberg railroad station. Each train included approximately 15 boxcars occupied by troops. The shipments left toward Jueterbog. The rest of the columns proceeded toward Zahna-Jueterbog.
2. Between 20 and 22 March, the following shipments were unloaded at the Wittenberg railroad station:
 

20 March. At 1000, a shipment of 45 T-34 tanks, 12 armored personnel carriers and 9 boxcarloads of soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia, which arrived from the direction of Jueterbog.

At 1300, a shipment of 32 trucks, 3 armored personnel carriers, 4 field kitchens and 24 boxcarloads of soldiers with black service color, which arrived from the direction of Jueterbog.

21 March. At 1600, a shipment of trucks and armored personnel carriers and 13 boxcarloads of soldiers which arrived from the direction of Jueterbog.

22 March. At 1400, a shipment of 39 T-34 tanks, several JS-3 tanks, 3 trucks with field kitchens, 17 trucks marked with a white circle, and 7 boxcarloads of soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia, which arrived from the direction of Dessau.

Each shipment which was observed being loaded or unloaded in Wittenberg included 4 x 85-mm AA guns.

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3. During the night of 21/22 March, additional columns returned to the installations by road.

 Comment. Between 18 and 21 March, the 6th Gds Tank Div presumably conducted an exercise which, similar to other divisions, also involved the engineer battalion. It is undetermined where the exercise was held.

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